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President's File

December 22, 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Reply to the Soviet Government

General Goodpaster has advised us that you would be interested in seeing the draft of a text of the United States reply to the Soviet Government's letter of November 27th dealing with Berlin.

The draft which I am enclosing herewith corresponds quite closely to a first draft which the Secretary had seen in Paris. A few slight changes have been made, however, which are now being discussed with the British, the French, and the Germans, and we have also just received a message from the Secretary that he would like to see this amended draft. We anticipate there may be some minor drafting changes but probably none of substantive importance.

The timetable which we hope to follow will be to circulate it in the NATO Council on December 24th for discussion there on December 29th, and to deliver it in Moscow on the 31st.

Needless to say, if there are any changes you would wish to make in this draft, they can be incorporated prior to the discussion in the NATO Council on December 29th.



Acting Secretary

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